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We left [redacted] the sleeping car at 7:50 this morning at Bad Godesberg and went to the Conants' house for breakfast.

Afterwards I spent the morning with Jim in his office discussing European policy, especially in connection with Germany. What an unusual and fine man he is; I am most admiring of him.

We lunched at the Conants'. Adlai Stevenson, his brother-in-law Ives, Walter Hallstein, and a German couple were the others.

Audrey, E. and I left at 3:30 in a HICOG car for Frankfurt. We took the low road of the Rhine until close to Coblenz, then crossed the river and saw lots of glorious scenery marred by exceptionally heavy traffic. Forsaking the Rhine, we went overland through beautiful fields and forests, passed charming Bad Ems and on to ugly Weisbaden. Thence to the Rheinmain airport at Frankfurt where we arrived at 7:15.

Having supped, we clambered onto a Pan American plane which left at 8:15, and promptly, for Berlin. With favoring winds assisting, we reached Templehof airdrome at 9:30, where we were met by Elsie and Cecil Lyon, Elsie even more lovely looking than ever. We spent the night at the High Commissioner's large and comfortable house in the suburb of Dahlem.

It was cold when we left Paris - sufficiently chilly for autumn clothes, cold and rainy at Bonn and now at Berlin.

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